

**Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey
State of Tennessee**



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**Lt. Gov. Ramsey makes appointments to
Tennessee State Museum Commission**

(Nashville) - Lt. Gov. Ramsey today announced that he has reappointed the Honorable Victor Ashe and Nancy De Friece to the Tennessee State Museum Commission.

"The Tennessee State Museum is an invaluable cultural and historical resource for the state of Tennessee," said Ramsey. "I can think of no two Tennesseans better suited to preserving, protecting and promoting our history than Victor Ashe and Nancy DeFriece. They have done a great job on the commission."

The commission was created in 2009 to oversee operations and establish the strategic direction of the state museum, with an emphasis on the educational and cultural enrichment of the citizens of the state. The mission of the commission is to work to ensure that the citizens of this state have access and exposure to museum collections and to promote the educational and cultural enrichment of citizens of the state.

Ashe was elected mayor of Knoxville, TN in 1988 and served until 2003, making him the city's longest serving mayor. He also served six years as a Tennessee state representative and nine years as a state senator. Ashe was appointed by George W. Bush as the 24th United States Ambassador to Poland. He currently serves as chairman of the corporate board of Radio Free Asia.

De Friece is a former chairman of the Tennessee Arts Commission and a charter member of the Hands On! Regional Museum and served on the museum's Business Council. She has received numerous honors, including the "Arts in Tennessee Award" presented by International Storytelling Center and Bristol Regional Medical Center's Citizen's Hall of Fame.

De Friece currently serves as president of Landmark Realty, Inc and as a managing partner of Sikorski-De Friece Properties.

The terms of Ashe and De Friece will expire in 2013.

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